

Millennium Challenge Corporation



BURKINA FASO

Burkina Faso was selected to participate in Millennium Challenge Account program in fiscal year 2006, and participated in the Threshold Program in fiscal year 2005.

(The Threshold Program is designed to assist countries that are on the “threshold,” meaning they have not yet qualified for MCA Compact funding, but have demonstrated a significant commitment to improve their performance on the eligibility criteria for MCA Compact funding. Threshold Program assistance is used to help selected countries address the specific policy weaknesses indicated by their scores on the MCC policy indicators.)



Population: 12,386,647

Location: Western Africa, north of Ghana

Capital City: Ouagadougou

Relative Size: slightly larger than Colorado

Economic Statistics:

GNI Per Capita Income: \$360

Gross Domestic Product: \$4.8 billion

GDP Growth Rate: 4%

As an MCC Threshold Country for fiscal year 2005, Burkina Faso began a program to increase girls' primary school enrollment and attendance. Burkina Faso has not yet submitted a proposal for an MCC Compact.

Threshold Program: Expected Results

Burkina Faso's threshold Program anticipates the following results after the two years:

- Construction of 132 schools, 369 teacher housing units, 264 latrine blocks, and 132 tube wells
- Establishment of on-site canteens in all 132 schools
- Equipment for 396 classrooms
- 6,600 school kits for all girls
- 7,920 pupils' mothers trained
- 198 teachers and 40 outreach workers trained on gender issues
- Outreach and social mobilization campaign on girls' education in 33 communities

Threshold Program: Update on Progress

The following has been achieved since the Burkina Faso Threshold Country Plan was signed on July 22, 2005:

- Selection of the 132 school sites in the 10 target provinces
- Release of request for applications, completion of technical review of proposals
- Completion of candidate search for education adviser
- Creation of multi-sector project oversight committee by the Government of Burkina Faso, chaired by the Ministry of Finance.

Since Burkina Faso's selection as an eligible country for 2006, an MCC delegation traveled to Ouagadougou on an initial visit to meet with government officials, civil society, and members of the private sector.